

Application No. 10/608,186  
Amendment dated July 22, 2004  
In reply to Office Action mailed March 22, 2004

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph 11 with the following paragraph

[0011] This problem is solved with a carding machine in accordance with **the claimed apparatus.** ~~claim 1 and, in other embodiments, in accordance with the dependent claims.~~ In addition, this problem is solved by a carding method in accordance with **the claimed method.** ~~claim 20 and, in other embodiments, in accordance with its own dependent claims.~~